



## WHAT IS THE RIVER PLAN?

The River Plan is a comprehensive multi-objective plan for the land along the Willamette River. It is an update of the 1987 Willamette Greenway Plan, zoning code and design guidelines, which serve as Portland's compliance with State Planning Goal 15.



## PLANNING BY RIVER REACH

The River Plan will be conducted in three phases, each focusing on a different reach of the Willamette River. The North Reach will be the first to receive detailed planning, followed by the South Reach, and finally the Central Reach. This sequence will allow the River Plan to synchronize with projects and planning efforts that affect specific reaches such as Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup (North Reach), Central City planning (Central Reach), and the potential acquisition of Ross Island (South Reach). In addition, the phasing will make the project more manageable due to the large numbers of people who are likely to be interested and engaged in the process. The three reaches are interrelated but distinct, each facing different challenges and offering unique opportunities for the future.



***The North Reach, or Portland's Working Waterfront, will continue to provide Oregon with access to global markets and support the region's economy as a West Coast distribution hub and a heavy industrial area. Environmental cleanup, recreational access, and watershed health actions will contribute to the harbor's long-term vitality.***

***The Central Reach—the Region's Gathering Place—will continue to be a highly urban, regional center with a waterfront that is the city's main civic space and a regional attraction. Access to the river and public use of the waterfront will improve through new development and transportation improvements, eventually including changes to Interstate 5.***

***The South Reach, with its Neighborhoods and Natural Areas, will provide unique fish and wildlife habitat, parks and trails in the center of the city, easily reached from established neighborhoods.***

## THE RIVER CONCEPT PROVIDES GUIDANCE

A summary of policy guidance for the development of the River Plan can be found in the River Concept, which was recently endorsed by City Council. The River Concept synthesizes river-related planning over the last decade from adopted documents as well as recent policy discussions and actions. The River Concept will be used immediately to guide the River Plan / North Reach. It will be updated as part of the South and Central reach phases of the River Plan. The River Concept can be viewed or downloaded from the River Plan website.





## PLANNING FOR THE NORTH REACH

Planning for the North Reach of the Willamette River is currently underway! Here is how the process works:

### River Plan Committee

The River Plan Committee is a voluntary group of citizens who broadly represent the civic interests of Portland. The Committee meets once a month to review progress and provide guidance to the River Plan project team on the River Plan / North Reach. All River Plan Committee meetings are open to the public. Check the River Plan website for meeting details or contact River Plan Committee Assistant Joan Hamilton at [hamilton@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:hamilton@ci.portland.or.us).

### Task Groups

The project team is convening task groups to delve into the details of specific River Plan issues. These task groups will consist of stakeholders and other interested parties including agency staff. Each task group will meet for a limited duration to discuss the issue at hand and craft solutions for consideration by project staff. Task groups planned or underway for the North Reach include:

- Greenway Trail Alignment and Viewpoints
- Industrial Issues including River-Dependent/River-Related use definitions
- Watershed Health
- Water-Based Recreation
- North Beach (St. Johns to University of Portland)
- Riverbank Design and Permitting
- Trail Design
- Balanced Cut and Fill/Mitigation Bank
- Contaminated sites

### Harbor Reinvestment Strategy

The Working Harbor Reinvestment Strategy will be a 10-year program of coordinated public investments by the City of Portland, Portland Development Commission, and Port of Portland to improve the economic vitality of the industrial districts in the North Reach. The strategy will focus on land, workforce, and infrastructure improvements to stimulate private industrial reinvestment. It will be prepared from Winter 2005 through Fall 2006 as an economic development component of the River Plan.

## RIVER PLAN / NORTH REACH OUTCOMES

After the task groups have weighed in, site design workshops will be held to test the strategies developed in the task groups on real sites. Finally, project staff will weave together all the recommendations to create a proposal for the River Plan Committee to review. North Reach planning results will include policy amendments, greenway zoning code amendments, design guideline amendments, prioritized City investments, measures of success, and other actions.

## RIVER PLAN SCHEDULE

<b>NORTH REACH</b>	2007
<b>SOUTH REACH</b>	2008
<b>CENTRAL REACH</b>	2009

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